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In his decision, the President strongly reaffirms the DCI's central role as the primary advisor to the NSC and the President on substantive foreign intelligence and his full responsibility for the production of national intelligence, consulting as appropriate with departmental analytical centers.

Much of this analysis will be inter-agency NIEs with full Community involvement, produced through the NIOs as at present. But much will be in-house product. Whichever it is, our primary substantive objective will be excellence, and our primary management objective will be the development of analytic competence and experience. For this we will continue to depend heavily on the analysts of DDI.

The NIOs and DDI depend on each other. I have therefore decided to end the artificial organizational separation of the two by forming a new combined organization. Its primary mission will be the production of "national intelligence," which I define simply as the intelligence that the President and the National Security Council expect me to provide.

The NIOs will serve as the principal substantive staff officers for their respective fields, both within the Intelligence Community and for the combined organization as a whole. They will continue to carry out their Community responsibilities, but will take on certain internal

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ones as well. They will rely for most of their support on the DDI production offices, the importance of which is confirmed by these changes.

We do not now contemplate extensive organizational changes beyond those involved in the merger of the front offices of the two organizations and a redefinition of NIO responsibilities. Bob Bowie and Sayre Stevens, who will be chief and deputy respectively, will soon be issuing a more detailed statement. But let me say now that no one need worry about his job. We have the clearest charter we have ever had for central intelligence, and there is more than enough work for all. Nor will the change in any way upset the career status or rights of anyone. DDA will continue to serve all personnel just as in the past.